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## PRESS RELEASE

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U. S. ATTORNEY DAVID M. NISSMAN TO HOST CEREMONY HONORING OUTSTANDING FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, ST. CROIX, THURSDAY NIGHT

United States Attorney David M. Nissman announced today that his office will be sponsoring its Second Annual Law Enforcement Officers ("LEO") Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at Government House in Christiansted, St. Croix in recognition of outstanding efforts by federal and local law enforcement officers during 2003. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

Attorney Nissman stated that the purpose of the LEO awards ceremony is to celebrate and recognize fourteen (14) federal and territorial law enforcement officers for their outstanding efforts in law enforcement in the Virgin Islands.

Among the honorees is the late Officer Cuthbert Chapman, who is being honored posthumously, for "Heroism in the line of fire." Officer Chapman died recently after being shot in Wendy's in Sunny Isle Shopping Center in St. Croix. The other honorees

are:

William Brian Lefevre	Special Agent	Internal Revenue Service
Clifford Goodman	Special Agent	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Nicholas Peru	Special Investigator	Virgin Islands Inspector General
Dennis Kinney	Special Agent	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Joe Tokarz	Special Agent	Drug Enforcement Administration
Robert Lasky	Special Agent	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Michael Kean	Special Agent	Immigration / Customs Enforcement
Mark McHugh	Special Agent	Drug Enforcement Administration
Rodney Querrard	Task Force Agent	VIPD / HIDTA Task Force
Street Enforcement Team	"SET" TEAM	Virgin Islands Police Department
Peter W. Anderson	Resident Agent In Charge	Office of the Inspector General.

Attorney Nissman further stated that it is important that we recognize those public servants who put themselves on the line to enforce the laws and to protect all of us on a daily basis with little or no fanfare.